

Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2010

Members in Attendance:

Lynn Hathaway
Marcia Panagakos
Betty Cardenas
Jacqueline Baca
Jill Reichman
Magi Gerety
Kim Straus
Janet Aboytes
Kristi Readyhough

Members Absent:

Lara Yoder

Coordinator:

Lisa Garcia



Guests:

Laurie Allocca – Holy Faith
Michelle Quintana – PMS Head Start Program
Ron Hale – Department of Health
Michelle Montoya – Youth Shelters
Tita Gervers – Santa Fe Public Schools
Gaile Herling – SFPS Adelante Program
Leigh Fernandez – Santa Fe Community College
Barbara Sandoval – Healthy Families First
Margaret Collins – NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
Nan Schwanfelder – Brindle Foundation
Ariele Cordero – Healthy Families First Intern
Irma Torres-Catanach – Las Cumbres Community Infant Program

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm.

Introductions were done and there were a few announcements. Laurie shared several events that are going to be offered to the community by the Church of Holy Faith. On October 3rd from 1-4 there will be a family event followed by the blessing of animals. Gaile announced that there will be a Santa Fe Campaign to End Homelessness on October 23rd. Both will send the flyers to Lisa to forward to the group.

Janet was the first presenter and shared that they are experiencing a lot of changes at the teen parent center. In April, their program got cut by CYFD by \$128,000. They have been collaborating with PMS Head Start to address some of the problems. The child care services that operate at the teen parent center cost about \$250,000 and there was no way for them to sustain that program without additional support. They now have 24 early head start slots through PMS which will primarily go to teen parents enrolled in high school. Janet shared that they have seen enrollment drop this year. In the past, they have gotten 19-20 teens at the beginning of the school year. This year they have 4 students enrolled and are trying to figure out why there is such a big drop. Janet feels one of the factors contributing to the drop is that the outreach coordinator funded through DOH money got cut. Another reason is that there is going to be a new site opening at Capital High School. Capital High has about 7 teens already identified to enroll in that program. The SFHS teen parent staff will be going over to Capital High to support them the way they do currently. They will monitor throughout the year to see what works and what doesn't so they can make changes as needed. Capital High School will not have the online learning that is currently offered at Santa Fe High Teen Parent Center. Tita added that their goal is to double the size of the teen parent center by being at both high schools. Nan had a question about child care for those teens that have babies in middle school. There is a pre-k nursery created by the school district and is partnering with United Way. The SFPS is also partnering with head start allowing for a bridge into another child care setting for those children. Margaret offered to support the teen parent center with nutrition information.

Michelle continued this conversation by also adding that they are working on opening up some more slots at the Institute of American Indian Arts (2 classrooms of ages 6wks-3yrs). The next one will be Capital High School which will have 16 slots (teen

parents are priority). Another center will be opening at the former Tara School and will have 32 slots (6wks-3yrs). Another center will provide an additional 16 slots for early head start. They started this whole process with about 161 on a waiting list of income eligible families.

Kim shared with the group the steps involved in getting the infant care study completed. Several members present were part of the infant care study group and provided guidance and support along the way. Leigh explained that the SFCC Office of Child Development was asked to conduct the study. They contracted with Coop Consulting to complete the study. Leigh shared that one of the main underlying problems is the reimbursement rate to providers. There is a gap between what it actually cost and how much providers are getting reimbursed by CYFD for providing care to infants. There is pretty solid data to support what everyone seems to know about the need for infant care. Kim added that since the MCH council has identified infant care as one of its priorities, the next step is for the council to look at the recommendations of the study to determine next steps. He suggested that the October meeting would be dedicated to talking about the report. Laurie added that infant care costs about \$950 per month because of the teacher/child ratio and that has become out of reach for most parents. The current system puts a strain on child care providers and the families that utilize the subsidy.

Gaile shared that last year at the end of the year, there were about 1400 children enrolled in the Adelante program which only included K-12. They are now able to include pre-K children in identifying homeless families. She passed out information about the Adelante program which outlines who qualifies and the services they are eligible to access. She shared that they have 40% more kids than they had last year at this time. It hasn't slowed down yet but they are expecting it to. They started a project called "Access" this year where they will work with some families to do more intensive education with them to teach them how to access more long time services as well as financial literacy. They are offering evening programs for families also. Nan and Kim suggested that they look at bringing Cuidando los Ninos to Santa Fe. It's a model program in Albuquerque. Gaile indicated that they are getting families from Arizona (12 currently) as well as families that lived on the border of Mexico where they are seeking refuge from the violence taking place on the border (NARCO).

Kim asked those agencies that were present to share trends they are seeing in their programs. Barbara reported on the Healthy Families Primeros Pasos program. She indicated that the population they serve is primarily immigrants and has been increasing over the last five years. It used to be 50/50 plus teen moms but more are immigrants currently. They always have a waiting list. They currently serve 50 families. Irma reported that the Community Infant program has more involvement with children in custody and referrals from CYFD as well as seeing more families with drug involvement. Their waiting list continues to be high but has 3 mother-infant groups running right now to keep families involved. They are trying to also offer fathers groups similar to their Espanola office. Michelle Montoya reported that Youth Shelters is offering father's groups with the help of Barry McIntosh and they currently have 4 fathers participating in the program. Magi indicated that New Vistas is seeing more families where parents are incarcerated. They see a lot of grandparents raising grandchildren. They have recently had 5 babies referred who had strokes in utero even though they were receiving good pre-natal care.

There was a lot of discussion about advocacy to various groups in order to make the lives of children better. Magi went to a conference who heard a speaker on advocacy and didn't know if it was something we wanted to try bringing to Santa Fe. Marsha shared that there are an increased number of waiting lists with agencies and it makes it more difficult to try addressing the needs of the mother when she needs the services the most. She is seeing more and more immigrant families.

Marsha brought up her concern about this winter and the homeless shelters. Last year there seemed to be a problem with closing the shelters during the day and although there was a family shelter "Casa Familia" they would send families out during the day with nowhere to go. Gaile added that she's involved in working with them to keep the shelter open during the day. St. Elizabeth's and Casa Familia are looking for people to volunteer their time to cover the day shift. The shelter is continually looking for funding to make it a year round full day shelter. Gaile is coordinating the sign-up for the daytime shifts.

Betty is getting more and more referrals not only from CYFD but from the courts for domestic violence. Both parents are being referred for drug and alcohol problems. There is an increase in family counseling referrals and less DWI referrals. Kim announced that the rape crisis center changed its name referred the group to their new website which makes services more comprehensive.

The minutes from May and June were approved by Lynn and seconded by Betty.

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Under reports, Kim started with the executive committee report. The committee has been talking a lot about where financial support is going to come from to sustain the MCH Council. The funds from last year carryover and UNM contract are being approved in the near future. Julie Berman is no longer with the county on the reorganization of councils, committees, boards, etc. so we're not sure where we stand right now as far as membership and structure goes.


Under the Coordinator's report, Lisa discussed the health literacy training the MCH council is coordinating with Health Policy and Planning Commission. She encouraged people to attend and to call her to sign up. Lisa also reported that we are seeking more funding by applying for a March of Dimes grant to help support the interactive website. RAND is also helping the MCH council with this grant by providing guidance on the grant application. She also mentioned that the county website has been modified to make the resource directory easier to locate within the county website and encouraged members to visit the website to see the enhancements.


The Father's Report was covered by Kim. On August 10th, there was a statewide forum on fatherhood engagement at UNM Valencia campus. It was sponsored by the White House Faith Based Neighborhood Initiatives and USDA Rural Development office. A group called the New Mexico Alliance for Fathers and Families reached out to the White House and asked to hold a forum in New Mexico. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture came along with White House facilitators. It was a good gathering and had good discussions. The White House is excited about getting a full report and NM has a very good possibility of receiving innovation funds for increasing fatherhood engagement. They are working with DOH and CYFD who would be the recipient of the grant which would then be granted out throughout the state.

Lisa has some tear off sheets for the text4baby program that she is sharing with agencies to hand out to moms.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm.

Approved on January 20, 2011 by:

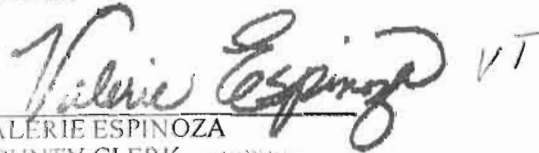




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Respectfully submitted by:

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